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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gregory Bruce Gillooly et al.

For: Network Communications Coupler

Serial No.: 09/676,075

Group Art Unit: 2155

Filed: September 29, 2000

Examiner: Liang-che Alex Wang

Assignee: ABB Automation Inc.

Attorney Docket No.: E20000370

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111 WITH A REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114 AND PETITION AND
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir :

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under Rule 111 with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under Rule 114 and Petition and Fee For Extension of Time of the above-identified application. Fees required are described and determined below for this application.

1. Claims Added And Canceled By This Amendment

| | Number Before The Entry Of This Amendment | Number Canceled By This Amendment | Number Added By This Amendment | Number After By This Amendment |
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| Total Claims | 13 | 9 | 10 | 14 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

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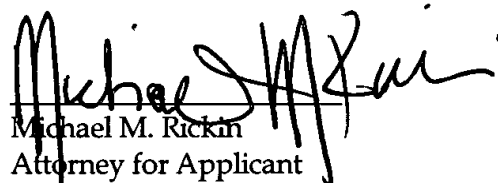
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2. Applicant herein petitions for an extension of time for a period of 1 month to respond to the Examiner's Action, Paper No. 7, mailed on 1/20/2004 (the time to respond to which having been set to expire on 4/20/2004).
3. Please charge the sum of \$880.00 and any additional fees which may be required or credit any refunds due applicant to Deposit Account No. 05-0877. A duplicate copy of this Amendment Transmittal is enclosed.

Date: 5/19/04


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